

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 291

By Floyd

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Julie Betts Brandao on being named a 2013 Woman of Distinction by the American Lung Association.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Julie Betts Brandao will be recognized as a 2013 Woman of Distinction by the American Lung Association at the organization's 28th Annual Women of Distinction Awards Luncheon; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious event honors a number of women who have distinguished themselves in their professional, civic, and volunteer service; the event also benefits the important work of the American Lung Association in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Brandao was the first Personal Lines Producer for her company, Huffaker and Trimble, and was named the first and only female partner in the firm that is now BB&T Huffaker and Trimble; and

WHEREAS, a native Chattanooga, Julie Brandao moved back to the City in 1990 and, since that time, has worked tirelessly to give back to her community; and

WHEREAS, a firm believer in the importance of community service, Julie Brandao has rendered sterling service in leadership positions within several community and civic organizations, including holding a number of chairmanships in various committees of the Chattanooga Women's Leadership Board, of which she has been a member for the past six years; and

WHEREAS, she has also served on the Bright School Board of Trustees, as a member of the St. Paul's Episcopal Church Vestry, on the PINK committee, as a member of

Chattanooga Downtown Rotary, on the board of The Calsted Foundation, and has served as the Hullabowloo Food Chairman and the Advertising Chair of Visions; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Ms. Brandao is a Circle of Red Honoree; and

WHEREAS, possessed of a singular vitality and an adventurous spirit, Julie Brandao enjoys spending time with her two daughters engaging in a number of activities, including adventure travel, boating, reading, watching club volleyball, and cheering on her alma mater, Vanderbilt, during football season; and

WHEREAS, epitomizing the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, Julie Brandao takes her place among the many noble citizens who have earned this State the nickname of "The Volunteer State"; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of people like Julie Brandao, who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Julie Betts Brandao on being named a 2013 Woman of Distinction by the American Lung Association, thank her for all she has done to make Chattanooga and this State a better place to live and work, and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.